

2003 RV Trip

Day 1 – Drive to Toledo, Ohio (549 miles; 11 hours)

Drive 11 hours to Toledo, Ohio
Stay at Flying J

Day 2 – Lake Anita State Park, Iowa (630 miles; 12 hours)

Drive another 12 hours to western Iowa
Stay at Lake Anita State Park
Campground right on lake – can fish, but beach to swim is across the lake
Bike ride and evening swim in lake

Day 3 – Lake McConaughy (421 miles; 7 hours)

Drive remaining 7 hours to Lake McConaughy State Rec Area in Nebraska
Swim and play around on beach, frisby golf, etc.
Camp right on beach

Day 4 – Lake McConaughy / Flaming Gorge – Fire Hole Canyon, Wyoming (475 miles; 8.25 hours)

Spend morning at Lake McConaughy
Drive 8.25 hours to Flaming Gorge Fire Hole Canyon
Bike ride dirt road down to river and swim
Stay at Fire Hole Canyon Campground

Day 5 – Flaming Gorge – Fire Hole Canyon, Wyoming (0 miles; 0 hours)

Launch boat and take north up Green River arm
Fish and swim along the way
Evening swim
Watch full moon rise over chimney
Stay another night at Fire Hole Canyon Campground

Day 6 – Flaming Gorge Dam, Utah (55 miles; 1.5 hours)

Raft the Green River from the Flaming Gorge Dam to Little Hole (7 miles)
Catch much trout; swim (very cold)
Cook trout for dinner
Stay at Flaming Gorge Mustang Ridge Campground

Day 7 – Huntington State Park (178 miles; 3.75 hours)

Drive 3.75 hours to Huntington State Park in Utah
Stay in State Park Campground - pretty campsite on lake
Can fish and swim from campsite
Go for run on paths around lake
Fish for bass
Evening Swim

Day 8 – Kodachrome Basin State Park (208 miles; 6 hours)

Drive Utah 12 Scenic Byway to Kodachrome State Park

Stop at Escalante State Park on way

Stay at Kodachrome Basin State Park

Bike the 3-mile Panorama Trail through rock formations

Day 9 – Kodachrome Basin State Park / Bryce Canyon National Park (23 miles; .75 hours)

Hike Eagle Overlook trail at Kodachrome in morning

Very harrowing – narrow trail with straight drop down

Drive .75 hours to Bryce Canyon

Bike ride to Inspiration Point

Hike 3.5 mile hike into the amphitheater from Sunset to Sunrise Point

Hike along the Rim Trail at sunset and photograph amphitheater

Stay at Sunset Campground

Day 10 – Cedar Breaks National Monument / Kanab (126 miles; 3 hours)

Drive 1.5 hours to Cedar Breaks National Monument

Drive the 5-mile scenic drive through the park

Stop at Point Supreme for panoramic view of amphitheater

Drive another 1.5 hours to Kanab

Stay at Kanab RV Corral Campground

Swim in Campground pool

Day 11 –Lake Powell (71 miles; 1.5 hours)

Drive 1.5 hours to Wahweap Campground on Lake Powell

Launch blowup boat and take it across Wahweap Bay to a canyon

Keep the boat at Stateline Marina

Stay at Wahweap campground

Day 12 –Lake Powell (0 miles; 0 hours)

Take blowup boat out on lake again

Explore some more and go back to same canyon as day before

Stay at Wahweap campground again

Day 13 – Lake Powell (0 miles; 0 hours)

Rent ski boat from Stateline Marina

Ski/Wakeboard near Lone Rock

Take it up to Navajo Canyon – ski/wakeboard some more

Stay at Wahweap campground again

Day 14 –Moab (277 miles; 6 hours)

Drive 6 hours to Moab

Monument Valley is along the way (3 hours)

Stay at BLM land on Colorado – Big Bend Recreation Area Campground

Spectacular scenery and sandy beach
River hard to access from campsites because of thick tamarisk
Gnats, ants, and much heat

Day 15 – Moab (15 miles; .5 hours)

Have Coyote Shuttle transport us up the Colorado Riverway to Hittle Bottom
Raft Colorado River from Hittle Bottom to Big Bend
Drive into Moab
Eat at Fat City Smokehouse
Stay at Canyonlands Campground right in Moab

Day 16 – Moab / Arches National Park (23 miles; .5 hours)

Shop in Moab in morning – Ruby's (very funky stuff)
Drive ½ hour to Arches National Park
Hike to Delicate Arch
Stay at Devil's Garden campground in park
Attend evening Ranger Program at amphitheater

Day 17 – Moab to Battlement Mesa (172 miles; 3.25 hours)

Hike the ranger-led Fiery Furnace hike in morning
Drive 3 ¼ hours to Battlement Mesa
Stay at Battlement Mesa – deceptively overrated campground

Day 18 – Breckenridge (138 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive 2.5 hours to Breckenridge
Bike Blue River Parkway to town
Enjoy town of Breckenridge - free skateboard park, shops, etc.
Stay at Tiger Run RV resort – wonderful
Swim, hot tub, pool, ping pong, live entertainment

Day 19 – Breckenridge to Fort Morgan, Colorado (154 miles; 2.5 hours)

Shop and explore in Breckenridge – skateboard park again
Drive 2.5 hours to Fort Morgan, Colorado
Stay at Riverside City Park (free)

Day 20 – Prairie Rose State Park, Iowa (513 miles; 8.5 hours)

Drive 8.5 hours towards home
Stay at Prairie Rose State Park
Kids do much fishing – bass, sunnies, crawdads

Day 21 – Indiana Dunes State Park, Indiana (460 miles; 8 hours)

Drive 8 hours to Indiana Dunes
Bike and play on dunes
Stay at State Park Campground

Day 22 – Western Pennsylvania (408 miles; 7 hours)

Drive 7 hours towards home
Stay at Gaslight Campground in Emlenton, PA
Swim in pool
Kids do much fishing – bass, sunnies, goldfish

Day 23 – Home (341 miles; 6 hours)
Drive remaining 6 hours home

Total Trip Mileage: 5237 miles
Average Miles per Day: 228 miles per day